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KILLED BY STEN GUN BULLET

INQUEST ON MARGATE GIRL

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned by the Acting Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) at an inquest at Margate on Monday into the circumstances surrounding the death of Barbara Gregory, aged 17, daughter of Mrs. Annie Gregory, police matron, of 24 Connaught-gardens, Margate, who died at Margate Hospital on Sunday as a result of being shot through the lung by a bullet from a Sten gun on 17th June.

Mrs. Gregory said that on 17th June she and her daughter visited 8 Connaught-gardens and were in the kitchen talking to Mrs. Maloy and her daughter when Mrs. Maloy's son, Francis Jack Maloy, a member of the Home Guard, came into the room. He was carrying his equipment and Sten gun and when he dropped them on the cement floor the gun went off. Her daughter exclaimed "Oh, Frank," and collapsed.

The Coroner: You are satisfied, I suppose, that it was a pure accident?

Witness: Absolutely.

Made Good Progress.

Dr. E. J. Bradley, who saw deceased on admission to hospital, said the bullet had passed right through the body in the region of the right chest. She was in a serious condition for some days and then made good progress until early on Sunday morning, when she suddenly collapsed and died. A post-mortem examination showed that a clot of blood had become detached, passed through the heart and lodged in the opposite lung, causing sudden death.

Lt.-Col. C. S. F. Witts, commanding 6th (Thanet) Batt., Home Guard, said Pte. Maloy was last on guard duty prior to 17th June on 10th June and at a court of inquiry which witness ordered, evidence was given by Sgt. A. R. Manton that he examined the man's gun when he went off duty and to the best of his belief there was no cartridge in it.

Col. Witts demonstrated how a cartridge, which might have been left in the chamber, could be fired if the gun was jolted.

Francis John Maloy, a plumber, aged 18, said he had been in the Home Guard about three years. He was on duty from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. on the night of 10th June and while on guard for an hour had a magazine on the gun in accordance with a standing order. He did not cock the gun at all and had no idea there was a cartridge in the chamber.

Missing Round.

Maloy said he carried 12 cartridges in the magazine and after the accident there were only 11 in it. He could not understand how the other one got out of the magazine. He had always been very careful not to cock the gun. The only suggestion he could make was that the cocking handle caught in his equipment while it was on his shoulder and in that way the gun became cocked.

Capt. R. F. Walbourn, adjutant to the 6th Batt., said the bullet could have got into the gun in two ways. If the cocking handle had been caught in the man's equipment it could be dragged back a little way without the man being aware of it and then go forward again, carrying with it a round from the magazine into the chamber but without sufficient force to fire it. A jolt would then cause the cocking handle to go back slightly and then spring forward, thus firing the round.

The second way would be if the man unwittingly cocked the gun and then, realising what he had done, let the cocking handle go forward under control. In this way a round would be carried into the chamber without sufficient force to fire it.

Capt. Walbourn said it was possible for the cocking handle to get caught in the man's equipment.

Pure Accident.

The Coroner said he was absolutely satisfied that the fatality was a pure accident and he believed the lad Maloy when he said he had no idea there was a round in the chamber, he did not know how it got there, and he did not cock the gun. He believed that the only explanation which the lad could give was in all probability what actually happened.

"I have come to the conclusion," said the Coroner, "that the Sten gun in its present form is a highly dangerous weapon not only to the enemy but also to the people who have the duty of handling it. But that is a matter which is not within my province. I have not the slighest doubt that they have had to be turned out quickly and that steps are being taken to remedy it as soon as it can be done. It is probably the result of mass production."

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BOUGHT RATIONED GOODS

SOLDIER TELLS OF VISIT TO CLUB

A meeting at the Social Club in George-street, Ramsgate, at which a Welshman was stated to have sold a soldier a quantity of tea and sugar, was described at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

The soldier, L/Cpl. Wilfred Sanders, aged 27, was charged with stealing 5¼lbs. of tea and 14¼lbs. of sugar, value 17s. 5d., the property of the Government, and also with receiving the tea and sugar.

There were two further summonses alleging that defendant stole and received rationed goods, and that he obtained and attempted to supply rationed goods contrary to the Rationing Order.

Mr. A. R. Young, for defendant, pleaded not guilty to the stealing and receiving charges.

Mr. Eric Weale, prosecuting, said D/C Self was at Broadstairs railway station on 3rd June when he saw a wooden box for dispatch to Mrs. Sanders at an address near Newport, Mon. He ascertained that it was consigned as a typewriter, but was not satisfied with the contents and interviewed the provost sergeant of accused's unit. When asked by the provost later in the day what the box contained, defendant replied "Rations." Subsequently defendant told D/C Self that he obtained the sugar from a man he met at the Welsh Social Club, Ramsgate, and paid him £1 for them. He did not know the man, but gave a description of him. The police made inquiries at the club but could not trace anyone answering to the description.

Similar to Army Issue.

Cook Sgt. Richard Fowler, Army Catering Corps, attached to defendant's unit, said that on 17th June he was shown tea and sugar which were similar to Army rations. He compared the tea with that in the store by feeling it and making a pot of tea and came to the conclusion that it was similar.

Provost Sgt. Edward Manchipp said he formed the opinion that the tea was the same as the Army issue.

D/C Self, K.C.C., said he saw defendant in the presence of his adjutant on 4th June, when he made a statement in which he said "On Saturday evening, 29th May, I left the billet about 7.15 p.m. and walked to Ramsgate. I went to the Welsh Social Club and had a couple of drinks. A man came and sat at my table and asked if I could do with some rations. The temptation was great and I met him outside about a quarter to 11 and gave him a pound." Defendant gave a description of the man and continued "My mother has been very ill and people have had to sit up all night with her."

In Two Sandbags.

Witness said numerous inquiries were made at Ramsgate to trace the man defendant had described. Defendant was seen again on 9th June and made a further statement in which he said "I left the club at approximately a quarter past 10 and waited at the corner of the road immediately opposite the club entrance until approximately a quarter to 11. Then the civilian arrived and gave me the rations, which were in two sandbags, one inside the other. I gave him £1. I did not see a policeman."

W/R/C Moyes, of Ramsgate Division, said he was on duty patrolling George-street, Ramsgate, from 10.10 to 10.50 p.m. on 29th May and had the Welsh Social Club under observation part of the time. He did not see anyone carrying a sandbag.

Sanders gave evidence corroborating his statements to the police and said he had twice been to the club to try and find the man who sold him the goods but had been unsuccessful.

Defendant was given an excellent character and it was stated that owing to his tactical and mechanical knowledge as a carrier driver he would be difficult to replace if he had to leave the battalion.

Sanders was found not guilty of stealing and the charge of receiving was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Act. He was fined £2 on each of the two summonses under the Rationing Order.

BRIGHTER BROADSTAIRS WEEK

The Brighter Broadstairs League proposes to hold a Brighter Broadstairs Week from 7th to 14th August in aid of the Merchant Navy Comforts Service.

The League have asked the Council to provide certain forms of entertainment during the week and the Council have agreed to an expenditure not exceeding £100, subject to the draft programme of those events in respect of which assistance is sought being approved by the Entertainments, Pier and Harbour Committee.

Tribute to the work which is being done by the Brighter Broadstairs League was paid at a meeting of the Council on Monday.

NO SUPPORT FOR PENSIONERS

Having regard to the supplementary pensions now paid, Broadstairs Council have declined to support a resolution passed by Hindley Urban District Council, urging on the Government that, by reason of the increase in the cost of living an increase in the basic pensions to the aged should be made.

MIXED BATHING PIONEER

FAMOUS CELEBRITIES RECALLED

STEVE PRICE LOOKS BACK

It was an old crinkled postcard bearing a 1907 date stamp that took me the other day to the home of Steve Price in Salisbury-avenue, Ramsgate.

The card bore a picture of two men—one, wearing a "boater," sitting on an imitation stone balustrade and the other standing beside him in an uncomfortable-looking Sunday best—and it was dropped recently into the letter-box of a house in Ethelbert-road to which it was addressed.

At first it seemed that the Post Office had made a delivery 36 years late but if that efficient public service does slip up now and again, it wasn't to blame this time. The card was most probably dropped in the box by somebody who discovered it in some salvage.

Gave Joy to Thousands.

Steve looked at the picture of the two men for a few moments, then something struck a chord in his memory and he said "Why, that fellow sitting down is young Barnett. I remember him when he helped his father in a photographic business on Ramsgate sands before the last war."

Those few words opened up a most interesting conversation and for two hours I sat with Steve, who now lives by himself, while he reminisced about his association with Ramsgate sea front. There are few who know, from personal experience, as much about the history of that rendezvous as Steve Price, for he was still in long clothes when his parents introduced him to the sands and later, as proprietor of Mumford's bathing establishment, he catered for the enjoyment of countless thousands of visitors.

With his clear memory, Steve, now nearly 70, painted for me a vivid picture of Ramsgate of another age, of the late Victorian period and the gay Edwardian era that followed. He spoke of the quaint, amusing bathing fashions, of the rather puritanical customs of those times and the more carefree and unique entertainments that were such a feature of the sea front life, of characters still spoken of with fond remembrance by people of that generation.

From Baking to Bathing.

The Ratcliff family originally owned the bathing establishment which was afterwards bought by Steve Mumford, Mr. Price's grandfather. It was an entirely new line of business for Mr. Mumford for up to that time he was a baker in King-street, on the site now occupied by Messrs. Winter, the outfitters. Sir Moses Montefiore came regularly to his shop to order a shillingsworth of "Cleggie" Mumford's noted pudding, to be distributed to poor of that locality and a queue of women always lined up outside the premises on his appearance.

Mumford's bathing machines later passed to the ownership of Mrs. Price and when she died in 1912, Steve, who had been managing them for his mother, became proprietor.

"When I was first looking after the machines," Steve told me, "we had 37 of them and they contained only one compartment each. Two other firms were running in competition—Daniel Taylor and the brothers Frank and Jack Lawrence. As they each had a similar number there were, at that time, well over a hundred bathing machines operating on the front, all on the foreshore facing the old Harbour station. In fact, by an agreement, the railway company had to provide accommodation for 132 machines on the colonnade in the event of bad weather."

Early Risers.

Visitors and residents were early risers in those times and as much bathing was enjoyed before breakfast-time as afterwards. In the season Steve invariably arrived on the front at 5.30 a.m., and even at that hour little knots of people were gathered round the nearby coffee stall which had opened half an hour before.

The sight when the day's activities began was regarded with no surprise then but it is amusing for us to look back upon. Steve's single line of bathing machines was divided in two, those for the women being separated from the men's by a distance of 50ft. Thus the two sexes were very strictly segregated and if one of the men was seen by the occupants of the police boat to be swimming towards the women's machines he was given a severe warning.

The women did not undress for their dip in the briny. Instead, they dressed very elaborately and when Steve was a boy the common attire was a long serge frock. Later came serge knickers with red braid-ornamented jackets fastened with white bone buttons, and, after that, red twill Oxford shirting.

Popular Move.

It was not until after the last war that mixed bathing was introduced at Ramsgate—and Steve was the brave pioneer who did it. His innovation achieved immediate popularity and, although one section of the machines was still set off for the women, it was the mixed type that were patronised most. Even then many eyebrows were raised at such a revolutionary idea and Steve had much criticism to endure but he stood his ground and the controversy died down. The rival bathing establishments quickly fell into line.

In the Edwardian period the establishment was open from early in the morning until two in the afternoon and holidaymakers, not allowed to undress on the sands, spent the rest of the day in other pursuits, chiefly taking rides in the country on the old horse brakes and crowding round the many entertainments that the sea front offered.

Popular among these was the concert party run by a man whose name is still well remembered—Ally Sloper. He played against the east pier wall in opposition to a troop under the direction of Patchy Tyrrell, who had as his cornermen two rising young "stars," Tommy Banks and Charlie Warner. Both the latter afterwards owned concert parties and Tommy Banks, as leader of a talented minstrel troop, was one of the most versatile artistes the sands have ever known. He could play practically any instrument and was equally at home as a comedian, acrobat, conjurer or step-dancer.

The Harp Lounge.

Departing from his memories of the sands, Steve Price recalled the shows that made the old Harp Lounge a well-known rendezvous. "At the turn of the century," he said, "people crowded into the concert-room of the Harp, where John Ovenden, the Master of Ceremonies, would sit beside the small stage, bang his gavil on the table and shout for silence as he introduced each artiste. And, believe me, those entertainers were not third-rate, in fact many of them were top-liners. I remember attending concerts there at which the bill of fare included such notabilities as Little Tich and Dan Leno who, after playing their winter season in London, followed the crowd to the seaside."

John Ovenden was himself a good entertainer and very often he improvised songs with a local touch, poking fun at the bathing machines and those who used them. He occasionally appeared in concerts at the Marina pier where he was sometimes joined by Steve's brother Bill, then serving in the Royal Navy. At the shore end of the pier the Marina Hall had long been popular and some years before Armstrong's famous circus performed there under gas lighting. For many seasons the hall, under the proprietorship of F. C. Dew, offered dancing on a huge maple floor, and entertainment by scores of noted London artistes.

"Lord Bob."

The lay-out of Ramsgate's front at that time is difficult for the present generation to picture. Before Madeira-walk was built, and when the Albion Hotel stood at the bottom of Harbour-street, the road leading to the sands was so narrow in places that the wheels of the cumbersome bathing machines scraped the kerb on each side.

Opposite the Castle Hotel stood a rank of three- and four-in-hands, drawn by beautifully caparisoned horses under the charge of smartly attired drivers. Best known of them all was "Lord Bob," a skilful four-in-hand driver, who with his free hand, as he drove along, played such tunes as "Nellie Grey" on a shining trumpet. In later years, of course, "Lord Bob," whose carnation buttonhole was as well-known as himself, touted for the pleasure trip buses on the same site. "Happy," the man who held the horses while they were waiting for fares, is another character whom many will recall. His boots, if a little the worse for wear, were always as shiny as a mirror.

The Evangelist.

It was not only bathing and entertainment that attracted people to the sea front, for Knott, the evangelist, who came down from London each season, was always surrounded by a huge throng when he delivered his sermons near Mumford's establishment. In the afternoons he would take his hearers for rides in the country.

Before I left him Steve showed me a cartoon cut from a daily paper in the year 1923. In it were sketched such characters as Tommy Banks, at that time with Harry Gold's "Yachtsmen," Mr. R. J. Costerton, then and now Ramsgate Entertainments Manager, Mr. W. Avery, of the motor boat Saucy Sally, and Ernest Longstaffe, the pianist at the Granville Pavilion, who has achieved fame with the B.B.C. Then there were "Old Ned,"

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TO KEEP WATCH

THANET JOINT COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

Although not favouring at the present time the formation of a borough of Thanet, Broadstairs Council is anxious that the Joint Committee composed of representatives of Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs Councils should remain in being to consider any proposals which may be made by the Government concerning their future.

When Broadstairs' replies to the Joint Committee, details of which have already appeared in the ADVERTISER & ECHO, were presented at a meeting of the Council on Monday Councillor B. J. Pearson moved an amendment, by way of addition to the report, that it should be suggested to the Clerk of the Joint Committee (Mr. H. G. Curis) that the committee should remain in being.

Councillor Pearson said it was very evident that after the war great changes in local government would be made and it would be in the interests not only of the Thanet towns but also other authorities near to Thanet for the Joint Committee to remain in being. The committee could then from time to time consider any proposals made by the Government. Unless some steps were taken by one of the three authorities it was more than likely that the Joint Committee would cease to function.

Seconding the amendment, Councillor B. Humphrey said he thought they should do everything possible to ensure that the committee remained in being. The amendment was an additional safeguard.

Supporting the amendment, Councillor G. W. Lane said it should not go out that the Council were against amalgamation. The majority of them were of the opinion that they were "making haste far too quickly."

The amendment was carried.

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owner of the telescope on the east cliff, Capt. Stupples and Peter Stankiste of the New Moss Rose, Uncle Dan Hawkes, the cockle and whelk king, and P/C Bert Inge, now living in retirement in Grange-road.

In just on 70 years Steve has seen great changes on Ramsgate's sea front but he thinks the place was jollier in the hey-day of the bathing machines. "People knew how to enjoy themselves then," he said.

C.G.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

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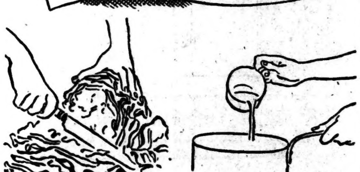
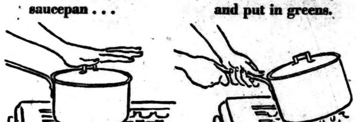


1 First, shred greens with a sharp knife. Then put a teacupful of water into the saucepan . . .

2 . . . just enough to cover the bottom. Bring to the boil, add salt if desired, and put in greens.



3 Put on lid and keep it on tightly. This keeps in the steam. Cook for 10 to 15 minutes.

4 Shake pan once or twice while boiling. When ready, save any water that remains for soup or gravy.

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THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

BLAST

BY *Vincent Cornier*

Titus Simonson posessed a smattering of what he fondly called "culture." Hence he felt a certain superiority when it struck him that the policeman standing in the broken doorway resembled a famous painting he had seen.

The policeman who watched a sky made hideous by flame reflections and the slow prickle of shell bursts was, to Titus Simonson's mind, a living embodiment of the faithful Roman sentinal of Pompeii. The plunge of gunfire and the snore of marauding aircraft semed only to make the background more complete.

The sough and the rattle of incendiary bombs brought the policeman's attention to earth. In the sudden heliotrope and vermilion brilliance of their burning he saw, vividly, the outlines of Simonson's face.

He recognized at once the malformed nose, the cauliflower ear, left, and the Hitlerian eyes of Titus Simonson. Here was Sliding Titus, racecourse trickster, sleight-of-hand expert, razor-slasher, and convicted rogue.

"Now, then—you!" the constable challened. "Where're you bound? Queer kind of night to be wandering the streets!"

"An elluva night, Sarge!" the sibilant Titus Simonson agreed. "But can't abear to be cooped up in them there shelters wiv the common huming 'erd. Squalin' brats an' gabblin, women gits me dahn."

The times were violent. The policeman's nerves were raw. He was worried and tired—not in command of himself.

He felt sure that Titus Simonson was on the prowl for loot. And that reference to the "common human herd" infuriated him.

Tension snapped. The policeman clouted at Sliding Titus's ugly head. With eely agility, Simonson escaped the blow.

"Gartcha!" Simonson spat and uttered guttered venom.

The policeman was dazed, but resentful.

"Scum like you," he muttered, "make a man forget all—all he stands for. Out of it! Out of my sight! Sharks of your type don't risk blitzes for nothing." He stepped foreward, furiously. "Sliding Titus, ain't you——?"

With a twist and a gasp the little criminal was gone.

"Got him taped right enough," the constable growled. "That's placed him. The muck—that's the sort that ought to stop bombs, not——"

Screaming wind and a cataclysm of twin explosions came down the night. The constable was lifted and crashed backwards against a wall—and through it.

He lived just long enough to tell about Sliding Titus. Looking into the places of wisdom, he smiled and said:

"Eyes like Hitler, he has. Y'll never get him, Super. I—I once read a book that said those fellows with those eyes are too cute for ordinary folk; but in the end, fate or destiny, or whatever y' like to call it, plays 'em a trick which trumps their last ace for 'em!" He gasped and smiled serenely. "That'll happen to Hitler, you'll see—and to Sliding Titus."

He went then. And the whole of "B" Division was put on its mettle in a vilgilant crusade against Titus Simonson.

Sliding Titus began by puzzling his watchers; in time he confounded them.

He did not attempt to evade "B" Division's vigilance. On the contrary, wherever severe bombing occurred, there Sliding Titus was inevitably to be found. He played the part of the ubiquitous man-in-the street—avid and grimly reliable in crisis. Any aid asked of him by any official, was instantly and unsparingly given. There was no doubting the risks he ran; neither was there any blinking the fact that, directly owing to Simonson's efforts, more than one life was saved.

The man appeared to be inflamed by a passion of self-vindication. Perhaps, thought the Superintendent of "B" Division, as he pondered the problem, the dead constable had been utterly mistaken about Sliding Titus. The man could not possibly be a ghoul, out for easy plunder. War made strange recifications. Seeing what was to be seen, dare anyone deny the possibility that the war had reformed Titus? Maybe Sliding Titus perceived, obliquely but none the less clearly, that redemption of his past lay here o' nights in the hazardous present.

On no fewer than five occasions, Titus had been thoroughly searched for loot, with no success. Recalling that, the Superintendent ordered that in future Titus Simonson was to be let alone. An eye must be kept on him, but the man must no longer be treated as a perpetual suspect. The little rogue had earned a right to amnesty.

But on the night of the bombing of Halchester House, police suspicions were fed again—and fatly.

It was Sliding Titus who scrambled under devastated furnishings to reach Lady Halchester's side. It was Titus who jacked up beams and scattered rubble like a terrier gusting earth out of a rabbit hole. Titus who fixed ropes and canvas slings; Titus who stayed behind, under immensely portending disaster, until she was withdrawn.

Then he scrambled out. A woman Civil Defence worker rushed to his side, supporting him, wiping the motar dust from his clothing, and offering him brandy; and even the police could scarcely withold their admiration.

They helped the exausted little man alongside Lady Halchester's stretcher. When her eyes fixed upon his ratty face, the grievously injured woman raised herself, touched her throat, and screamed:

"You!—you! My pearls!—you—I—I saw you—my pearls! You got them!"

In that frenzied exertion Lady Halchester died. She had said too much—and too little. Certainly the famous Halchester necklace had vanished. Equally certain, the woman had been wearing it when the bomb fell. Blast had forced every single pearl against her flesh, leaving its imprint there.

At the hospital they all but skinned Sliding Titus; but nothing was found hidden on him. "I never 'ad 'em! They was blowed off her throat." He sighed. "Give a dorg a bad nime——"

Which simplicity of statement, reported verbatim to the warm-hearted Superintendent, fed his resolve to trust in Sliding Titus even more.

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A delayed fuse-action bomb struck through the roof and three floors of Messrs. Killingborough's, the gem importers, on the night of the nineteenth, but the remainder of the block was devasted by instantly exploding missiles.

"Coo!—don't 'Itler find 'em!" said an onlooker to a little man standing by his side in the crowd.

All this area was given over to diamond merchants' premises. Fat-necked and loudly-lamenting gentry began to appear, and they wailed about fantastic losses. Killingborough's, alone remaining (with that bomb ticking away behind the strong rooms) was said to house half a million pounds in gems.

Soon the little man disappeared; once again he had gone to earth. Served by the unerring instinct of the criminal, he moved straight to the site of that menanced wealth, evading every official.

And, beneath the rubble near the strong rooms, Sliding Titus found a living man, Myers Lowenbaum, Killingborough's managing director. Unconscious, until now, Lowenbaum had been overlooked by searchers who had reported the premises empty of human life.

Once again Sliding Titus laboured. Again he saved a man from awful death. He freed the ancient Lowenbaum.

Then: "Quick!—quick!" gasped Lowenbaum, handing over a set of complicated keys. "Open dat room! Pring out four boxes, A, B, C, an' D—specimen shem!—quick!" He groaned; his hot and vital eyes on Titus. "I—I went there for dem! Too lat'—ah, too lat,——"

Titus got the cases. He opened them and let his fingers slide lovingly over the chill fire of the stones. Lowenbaum watched intently. It was apparent to him that all the diamonds were still in situ when that case was closed.

Once again, cut, ragged, exhausted and filthy, Titus staggered out, victorious. Lowenbaum and his precious cases were put into an ambulance—for Titus, again a woman rushed forward, wiped his face, supported him, and offered him brandy.

A sergeant of "B" Division, recalling how similar were these proceedings to those which took place at Halchester House, was instantly suspicious. He dived for the moving ambulance. He demanded the opening of Lowenbaum's cases.

Twelve of the finest stones were missing!

There and then, on the scene of the bombing, Titus was apprehended and crudely, almost brutally, searched to the skin. Nothing was found.

At that moment the bomb behind the strong rooms exploded.

In a phantasmagoria of purple flame the sergeant was lost. So, too, was the woman ambulance worker. Sliding Titus, naked except for his boots, was deposited twenty yards away.

He had a sliced little wound in his shoulder, otherwise he was unhurt.

He did not seek medical aid. He simply turned away, mourning secretly and violently, d a z e d—because of the loss of the woman who had offered him brandy.

A few days later Sliding Titus suffered a slight street accident. Suspecting a broken rib, he was X-rayed. And a daffodil yellow circle of luminosity appeared on the plate poised over him—it marked a point on his right shoulder where a recently-healed scar was apparent on the skin. That glow meant one thing only.

The radiologist chuckled and sent for the police.

When the area was lanced, a seventeen-caret stone, knife-edged, flat and as large as a shilling, was recovered from under the skin. It had caused that yellow flare.

"Diamond smugglers' dodge," said a surgeon. "It could have been kept in that shoulder for twenty years without causing inconvenience or harm."

At the subsequent trail it proved useless for the defending counsel to argue that a freak of bomb blast blew the thin stone into Simonson's flesh without him being aware of the fact. "Whence came it?" asked the judge. And that gave the police opportunity to state what had been learned about the bogus ambulance worker—the woman to whom Sliding Titus passed the stolen Halchester pearls and Lowenbaum's gems.

That was enough to gain Titus his ten years' penal servitude for looting.

Yet the Superintendent, remembering the dead constable's prophecy about fate—believing, too, that Titus had spoken the truth, and that the gem had been blown from the woman's body into Titus's shoulder—wondered, but held his peace.

He appreciated grimly the depairing irony of Titus's last word as he turned from the dock to begin his "stretch."

"Blarst!" said Sliding Titus.

The End.

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

PRESERVING STREET LAMPS

The report of the Gas and Water Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that the Engineer and Manager (Mr. R. H. Ruthven) drew attention to the serious need for some maintenance work in connection with public lighting units.

The committee passed a strong recommendation that the matter should be referred to the Watch Committee with the view to some action being taken in order to preserve at least the more important and expensive lighting installations in the town.

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"BELLS" SENDS GREETINGS

"London call for you," said the telephonist as we picked up the receiver.

"Hullo," a cheery voice came over the wire. "This is 'Bells.' How is everyone in Thanet?"

"Bells"—Mr. Harry Haysman—one of Thanet's best-known peacetime characters, was calling the ADVERTISER & ECHO to ask about his old friends and to send them a greeting.

Next day the postman brought the following letter, addressed to Carolus:

Dear Carolus,

Your cheerful voice over the phone yesterday afternoon eased my anxious mind respecting the fate of my countless friends in the Isle of Thanet, which, as you so very well know, holds one of the warmest corners of my fond heart, that I feel the near future holds much perfect happiness in store for "young Bells," who has been craving these many, many months for that one oz (oz-one) of health-restoring atmosphere your favoured corner of captivating Kent is ever enjoying.

Adolf Schikelgruber's senseless gambling dream is fast fading away now and he and his doped dupes are beginning to hear the strident notes of reveille which refuse to be longer ignored.

Consequently we must prepare for gay times this 1943 Christmas season and book up our dances well ahead. So please put me down for the first polka, waltz or schottische on Victory—unconditional surrender—Night, for which I am practising my Victorian steps right merrily in glorious anticipation.

So you glean there is life in this elderly, bow-wow yet and his snowy beard flows as bushily as of yore.

With tuneful remembrances to all my acquaintances in your happy ADVERTISER Office and sincerest brotherly love to your greatly esteemed self.

Melodiously yours,

"Bells."

With the "author's merriest compliments," "Bells" enclosed the following poem entitled "Fate":

When shattered nerves usurp the throne
My merry spirits call their own,
In lying low I find solace
In some calm, solitary place;
And, for the nonce, my friends lose trace
Of Bells' gay, optimistic face.

That I'm recovered from my blow
You will be pleased to learn, I know;
My old self has to me returned;
Again my face to laugh has learned:
For things for which I erstwhile yearned
Burns more my heart than e'er it burned!

O kindly Fate! of thee a boon
I crave and prithee grant it soon,—
'That ev'ry mortal on this earth
Shall feel of crib and food no dearth;
Work constant and congenial find
That lifts—not crushes—humankind.'

Thus all will see a joy in life:
Thus to an end come feud and strife:
The world one great Fraternity
Continue to eternity:
All equal be, none bond—all free,
Mankind one nation, life a glee!
See to it Fate! And Mortals ye,
Produce this fate, and happy be!!!

"Bells."

Miner's £60 Debt

CLAIM FOR BILLETING PAYMENTS

L. Swann, a Chislet Colliery employee living at Marden-avenue, Ramsgate, was summoned at Maidstone on Tuesday for being £12 in arrears in respect of billeting payments for his two evacuated children.

Mr. A. Morling, prosecuting, said that the children were evacuated in June, 1940, and he was assessed at 6s. a week for each child, but of a total liability of £63 12s., Swann had paid only £2 17s. He was only claiming for the past six months, and defendant received an average wage of £6 10s. 6d.

The Mayor (Alderman Sir H. G. Tyrwhitt Drake) said that by delaying the proceedings the country was losing about £41. He hoped that in future cases proceedings would be taken earlier.

Mr. G. Larking, a member of the bench: It is disgraceful.

The Mayor said that things should be speeded up for the benefit of the taxpayer. Six shillings a week was very low and did not cover the cost.

Swann, who did not appear, wrote offering 2s. a week, but the bench made an order for £2 a week off the arrears.

NO NEED FOR WOBBLY HELMETS

CARE OF FIRE GUARD EQUIPMENT

The equipment of the average fire guard is very simple, but no less than a soldier's rifle it requires to be looked after. In the matter of the care and use of equipment, fire guards are learning to help themselves so as to get the best value particularly from the "bowler helmets" and stirrup pumps with which they have been provided.

To a fire guard going up a ladder in a hurry a helmet that "stays put" on the head is more use than one that wobbles. There has been some complaint that fire guard helmets have no chin straps, but this situation can be remedied easily by the fire guards themselves.

Improvised Straps.

The civilian-type steel helmet worn by fire guards is provided with lugs, to which improvised chin straps, such as tape, can be attached. Many resourceful fire guards have provided themselves with chin straps in this way and find them entirely satisfactory.

Now that rubber is in short supply it is more important than ever to take care of stirrup pumps. The way to ensure a long life for stirrup pump hose is to keep it out of direct rays of sunlight and daylight as far as possible, and to keep it away from radiators and fires. The hose should be coiled in as large a coil as possible, without short loops and kinks. It should always be cleaned thoroughly before being put away after use.

R.A.F. WANT VOLUNTEERS

The R.A.F. is in urgent need of all categories of air crew and at the moment flight engineers and air gunners are particularly required.

Men between the ages of 17½ and 38 can volunteer and a R.A.F. recruiting officer will be at A.T.C. Headquarters, Chatham House, Ramsgate, to-day from 7 p.m. until 8.42 p.m.

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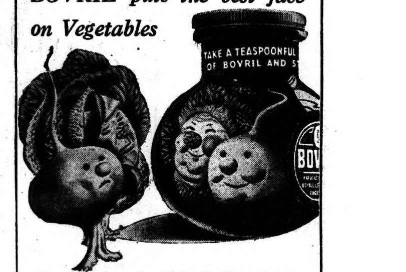

Vegetable dishes made with Bovril will surprise you with their flavour and goodness. It's the concentrated essence of prime lean beef that does it—helps you not only to enjoy but to assimilate your food. And fortunately Bovril is still to-be had in reasonable quantities—ask for it at your grocer's.

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Quantity of Resale	*Price Ex-Truck* Loose Per Ton	Bagged in Merchants Bags Per Ton
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	Per Cwt.	Per Cwt.
10 cwts. and over but under 1 ton	1/9	2/1½
2 cwts. and over but under 10 cwts.	2/-	2/4½
Under 2 cwt.	2/3	2/7½

An addition of 5/- per ton (or 3d. per cwt.) for delivery may be made by the Merchant if the potatoes are delivered by him at the request of the stockfeeder.

For further particulars apply to Local Area Potato Supervisor or, if unknown, to MINISTRY OF FOOD, POTATO AND CARROT DIVISION, ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD.

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Three-fold Task

WORK OF ALLIED AIR FORCES

By an Air Correspondent

Technical progress is not the only way in which air power has advanced during the war. Great improvements have also been made in the handling of the air weapon. Aircraft not only fly faster, farther and higher and have far more destructive power than before the war, but are wielded with a more thorough understanding of their tactical and strategic possibilities and potentialities.

This progress is the result of experience in action. It can be seen in the present organisation of the Allied Air Forces, the growing numbers of which make possible the application of new ideas to new formations. In contrast the enemy's shrinking resources leave no room for improvisation. The German Air Force remains tied to the Army, split up into "penny packets" and thus deprived of much of its fundamental versatility. Allied Air Forces are now grouped into Strategic and Tactical Divisions in an elastic organisation.

Unlike the Luftwaffe, no unit of the British or American Air Force is tied to any individual Army corps. The whole of the Allied close support forces with the various land Armies are under unified command. The commanders of the land and air forces act in concert and wield their available air power for the good of the whole.

At Long and Short Range.

Against this background we can see that the role of air power in modern war is three-fold: (i) Weakening of the enemy's war effort at long range. This task is performed by heavy day and night bombers; (ii) Isolation of the battlefield at medium range. Both heavy bombers and medium bombers are devoted to this job; (iii) Air mastery over the Armies and destruction of the enemy surface forces at short range. All bombers and all fighters join in achieving this, the final and decisive object.

Thus the functions of air power begin at long-range with the one type of aircraft—the heavy bomber—capable of fulfilling the task. As the range decreases so all the elements join in the fray until the whole weight of the air weapon is thrown into the battle above the Armies.

The three main theatres of war in Europe all provide examples of these fundamental facts. While British night bombers and American day bombers "soften up" Germany at long range, the possible future battlefields in the Mediterranean are being isolated by Allied air power. Meanwhile, over the Armies in Russia the Red Air Fleet—with its new 385 m.p.h. LAGG-5 fighters and IL-4 ground strafers—is striving to achieve local air mastery—with excellent results. Stategic and tactical operations are closely integrated in the pattern of air war now dictated by the Allies.

Direct Support for Army.

Strategic Air Forces flying from Great Britain are made up of R.A.F. Bomber Command and Bomber Command of the United States Army Eighth Air Force. A Strategic Air Force, comprising both British and American air squadrons is operating from North Africa while in Russia the "Long-range Bomber Force" serves the same purposes.

The tactical units in the three main groups of Allied bases include all the above formations when they are turned to direct support, as occasion demands. There is also in Great Britain the R.A.F. Fighter Command, including, as it now does, the new R.A.F. Tactical Air Force—and, beside it, the Fighter Command of the United States Army Eighth Air Force. In North Africa there is a separate Tactical Air Force of British and American squadrons and, in Russia, the whole of the Red Air Fleet is trained to work with the Red Army.

TOWN PLANNING

BROADSTAIRS SURVEYOR'S REVIEW

"The policy of the Government appears to have undergone a radical change and it seems most probable that, after the war, planning may be carried out more on a national than on a local scale, and that the areas under one planning authority may be very extensive."

The above is an extract from a report by Mr. S. W. Richardson, Surveyor to Broadstairs Council, prepared by him for the information of the newer members regarding the position of the Council in relation to town planning.

After giving a brief history of the town planning and housing acts, the report states that Broadstairs passed a resolution to prepare a town planning scheme on 9th December, 1929, in respect of approximately two-thirds of the area of the urban district, excluding the built-up portions of Broadstairs, St. Peter's, North Foreland, Reading Street, a small area of Northdown and Upton.

The land planned was zoned for various purposes and the object was more preventative than creative. In other words it was to prevent the land being unduly crowded or unsuitable types of buildings being built adjacent to each other.

With a normal residential population of 13,500, provision was made for a population of nearly 70,000. There were approximately 12 acres zoned for general business, 175 acres for industrial purposes, 256 acres for pleasure grounds and open spaces, 15 acres for cemetery purposes and 130 acres reserved for the airport and future extension.

In conclusion, the report states that Broadstairs acted in conjunction with both the neighbouring towns of Ramsgate and Margate so as to co-ordinate the three schemes as regards zoning, densities and highway development where the boundaries of the three towns adjoin.

District Education.—Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel has been nominated by Ramsgate Town Council as a member of Ramsgate District Education Committee in place of the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth.

MINSTER.

Welfare Dance.—About 150 people attended the dance, organised by Mrs. Lucas, in Minster parish hall. Don Beerling's band provided the music and £4 10s. was realised for the A.T.C. welfare fund.

Whist Aids Hospital.—In aid of Ramsgate General Hospital a whist drive was held at Minster parish hall on Wednesday and a sum of £1 11s. was raised. Major W. Howard was M.C. and the prizewinners were Pte. Everett, Mrs. Card, Mr. W. Loveday, Pte. Long, Pte. Kay, Mrs. Jezard and Mrs. Smith.

Invalid's Death.—The Rev. E. C. Robinson (Vicar of St. Nicholas) officiated at the funeral at Minster Cemetery on Tuesday of Miss Jane Mary Kelsey, of 4 Prospect-road, Minster. Miss Kelsey, whose death occurred the previous Friday, was 64, and had been an invalid all her life. The mourners were Mr. A. Kelsey and Mr. W. Kelsey (brothers), Mrs. New (sister) and Mrs. F. Winter.

Funeral of Mrs. E. Petley.—The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on Thursday of Mrs. Ellen Petley, formerly of Prospect-road, Minster, who died at Bridge the previous Sunday. Mrs. Petley, who was 65, was born in the village and her husband died there 18 years ago. The committal service was conducted by the Rev. D. L. Williams (superintendent minister of Ramsgate Methodist circuit), and the family mourners were Miss A. Allen, Mrs. E. Harlow, Mrs. E. Minter and Mrs. E. Hollands (nieces), Miss E. Spain (cousin), Mrs. S. Hughes and Mrs. L. Taylor.

Salvationists' Loss.—Members of the Salvation Army attended the funeral at Minster Cemetery on Tuesday of Mrs. Daisie Florence Sayer. Coming to the village as a girl, Mrs. Sayer took a great interest in local affairs and she was at one time junior sergeant-major and junior treasurer of Minster Salvation Army. One of her sons has been a prisoner of war for three years. The mourners included the widower, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sayer (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. V. Castle (daughter), Mrs. F. Sayer (daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. F. Smith and Mr. L. Smith (brothers), Mrs. L. Fright and Mrs. J. Fright (sisters), Mrs. C. Fright and Mrs. A. Fright (nieces).

RED CROSS AWARD

HONOUR FOR MINSTER NURSE

For devotion to duty, Miss Frances Mary Marsh, a V.A.D. nurse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Marsh, of 2 Lillian-villas, Augustine-road, Minster, has received the award of Associate of the Royal Red Cross.

Miss Marsh has been a nurse at the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham, for two years and she received her award at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace.

Twenty-six years old, she is a former scholar of Clarendon House School, Ramsgate, and her brother, Ldg. Acm. Peter Marsh, educated at Chatham House, is training as a pilot in Canada.

Their father is a Civil Defence worker in Minster.

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LOST

SMALL Brown Leather Shopping Bag left in East Kent bus at Cliftonville, Margate, on Wednesday afternoon, 23rd June.—Will finder please return to Harrington, Butchers, 54 Northdown-road, Margate, or Thanet Advertiser Office, Church-hill, Ramsgate. Reward. 33

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FURNITURE, etc., wanted in quantities of one load or more.—Write, Kelseys', Stony-street, Frome, Somerset. Phone Frome 2030. †38

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BE TALLER! Quickly!! Safely!! Privately!!! Details 6d. stamp.—Malcolm Ross, Height Specialist, BM/HYTE, London, W.C.1. †56

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MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER ANNOUNCEMENT

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JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

No supplies may be obtained except from the merchant with whom the premises are registered.

1. **HOUSE AND KITCHEN COAL**: Except by licence, total supplies over the four months may not exceed 25 cwt., and no consumer's stock (including any delivery made) may be raised above **TWO TONS.**
2. **COKE** (not above 1¼ins.) **ANTHRACITE** (not above 1¼ins.) **WELSH DRY STEAM COAL** (not above 1¼ins.) **MANUFACTURED FUEL** **KENT DRY STEAM COAL** (all sizes) — Except by licence, total supplies in this group may not exceed **ONE TON** in each month and total stocks may not be raised above **FOUR TONS.** These quantities are additional to those for house and kitchen coal.

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DO remember that every bit of fuel you use is so much less for direct war purposes.

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Householders whose real needs justify them in having more fuel than the above limits, either for consumption or stock, should apply at once to the Local Fuel Overseer for a licence.

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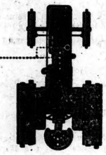

2. Ignition system

Keep all electrical equipment as dry as possible. Once a week apply two or three drops of thin machine oil to the magneto bearings and the impulse coupling, but be careful not to overdo it. Check contact breaker points with correct gauge. Use only the recommended types of sparking plugs and remove, clean and adjust after every 250 hours of work. Don't leave spare plugs loose in the tool box; keep them in a clean container. Check sparking plug leads once a week. If insulation is cracked, wrap insulating tape round it or fit a new wire.

SAVE TRACTOR FUEL

Ask your County Committee for a free copy of Tractor Maintenance Chart, which shows you how to save fuel.

A Fresh Chapter

INDUCTION OF RAMSGATE VICAR

The flag of St. George fluttering above the tower of Ramsgate parish church on Tuesday heralded the opening of a new chapter in the parish history.

In the evening, before a large congregation which included the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) and members of the Corporation, clergymen from all parts of Thanet and representatives of many organisations, the Rev. George Bennett, M.A., was instituted and inducted Vicar of Ramsgate.

Mr. Bennett, whose last living was at Sutton Valence, succeeds the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, now Vicar of St. Luke's, West Norwood.

The Bishop of Dover (the Rt. Rev. Dr. A. C. W. Rose) performed the ceremony of instituting the new incumbent and he was inducted by the Archdeacon of Canterbury (the Ven. Alexander Sargent).

The Rural Dean (Canon A. W. MacMichael), who was unable to be present, was represented by the Vicar of St. Lawrence (the Rev. J. H. Roundhill), and the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith (priest-in-charge of St. Peter's) acted as chaplain to the Bishop.

Among other clergy present were the Revs. K. Percival Smith (Vicar of Margate), J. B. Markham (All Saints', Westbrook), P. M. Townend (Christ Church), A. H. Culmer (Holy Trinity), C. D. Mayhew (St. Luke's and St. Mark's), C. H. Peacock (priest-in-charge of St. George's during the interregnum), Harcourt Samuel (Cavendish Baptist Church), Stanley B. Green (Congregational Church), A. J. Steed and T. C. Elsam and Major Barrass (Salvation Army). In addition there were several deacons and other representatives of the Cavendish Baptist Church and Congregational Church.

Tribute to Former Vicar.

After the customary ceremony had been carried out the bishop gave an appropriate sermon in which he made reference to Mr. Farnsworth.

"I would like to say one word," he said, "in memory of your former Vicar, his fiery zeal and burning energy. It can be said of him that he in a short time fulfilled a long time and we are very grateful to him for his energy and zeal."

The object of the parish priest, said Dr. Rose, must always be to make men dissatisfied with themselves—to make them wish to be different. He must not be just pleasant, attractive and popular.

The Bishop appealed to the parishioners to treat their new Vicar as a friend and not to keep him at arm's length. He was not coming to work for himself and he had no axe to grind. He came as "one of God's ministers and stewards."

Mr. Bennett and his wife met many of the congregation at a social held afterwards in St. George's parish hall.

On behalf of himself and the Archdeacon, the Bishop welcomed the Vicar to the parish and greetings were also offered by the Mayor.

Returning thanks, Mr. Bennett made reference to the excellent work being carried on in the parish.

The choirs of St. George's Central School, under Mrs. Clamp, and a party of the Sunday school teachers contributed to the entertainment which followed.

MINER'S DEATH

RAMSGATE INQUEST ADJOURNED

Ramsgate Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) on Wednesday opened an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of a Ramsgate miner who collapsed while walking from the railway station to his home after working a night shift at Chislet Colliery.

The man was Thomas Hudson, aged 62, of 32 Coleman-crescent.

In view of the fact that Mr. Hudson believed he was suffering from silicosis, certain organs have been sent to a pathologist for examination.

Deceased's son, James Hudson, also a miner, of 45 Coleman-crescent, said that up to four months ago his father had been employed as a repairer at Chislet Colliery. It was underground work and involved boring. Latterly he had been engaged on haulage work.

Witness said his father had told him he thought he was suffering from silicosis. He had complained of shortness of breath and he told witness he had permission from one of the colliery officials to change his work so that he should not come in contact with so much dust.

Dr. A. N. Gordon, who carried out a post-mortem examination, said as the lungs were being sent to a pathologist he did not examine them minutely. He thought death was probably the result of cerebral thrombosis.

Frank Griffiths, of Nixon-avenue, Ramsgate, said he was working on the night shift near Hudson on Sunday. After work they travelled back in a train due to arrive at Ramsgate at 7.30 a.m. As they were walking home from the station Hudson was chatting in the usual way but when they reached the junction of Whitehall-road and Margate-road he suddenly lurched forward and fell on his face. He seemed to be in a coma.

Witness said an ambulance was sent for and Hudson's wife was notified. When the ambulance arrived at the hospital deceased was dead.

The Coroner said that in view of deceased's belief that he suffered from silicosis he had had certain organs sent to a specialist and the inquiry would stand adjourned until the receipt of a report.

Sympathy with the relatives was expressed by the Coroner, D/S Fortescue, on behalf of the police, Mr. W. H. Abraham, on behalf of the colliery company, and Mr. A. Robertson, who represented the Kent Mineworkers' Association.

New Alderman

RAMSGATE DEPUTY MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

Councillor G. W. Twigger has succeeded Mr. T. W. Mockridge, who resigned owing to health reasons, not only as Deputy Mayor of Ramsgate but also as alderman.

A ballot to fill the vacancy on the aldermanic bench was taken at a meeting of the Council on Thursday.

Councillor Twigger received seven votes, Councillor G. W. Love four and Councillor S. E. Austin three.

Returning thanks, Alderman Twigger said he would endeavour, as he had in the past, to do his duty to the Council and he hoped that during his term of office their discussions and deliberations would be worthy of the town.

BACK FROM PORTUGAL

Ramsgate Airman who Attended Bull Fight

A CONTINENTAL "HOLIDAY"

Following the publication in our "On Service" feature recently of Sgt. Air-Gnr. Albert Buddle's experiences as an internee in Portugal, his many friends in Ramsgate were surprised to see the airman walking about the town.

Sgt. Buddle, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Buddle, of 21 Nethercourt-gardens, had returned unexpectedly from an adventure that has provided him with many thrilling memories. In a world at war he has had the luck to taste the hospitality of a neutral country and to return for a short spell to some of the little comforts of peacetime.

In many ways, although his activities were naturally restricted, he was able to enjoy what almost amounted to a Continental holiday. But he is very glad to be back in England.

As reported in the Advertiser & Echo, the bomber in which Sgt. Buddle and four colleagues were serving was forced to make a landing in Portugal just over two months ago. The plane came down a few miles from Lagos, where the airmen were feted before being transferred to Elvas.

Thrill for Children.

"I found Elvas a sleepy old place, very much behind the times," said Bert to our representative. "We were all accommodated in a hotel and spent much of our leisure time making flying model planes from balsa wood. The scene in the evenings when he took these models to a nearby field to fly them was very amusing. Needless to say, our activities excited the curiosity of the youngsters. Crowds of yelling children collected and as the models came to earth the boys fought for the privilege of retrieving them, much to the detriment of the planes. Eventually we had to appoint 'scouts' to bring them back intact."

One of Sgt. Buddle's most interesting experiences was a bull fight which he and his pals were allowed to witness one afternoon. The Portugese bull fight, he found, was different from the Spanish sport in so far as those taking part did not kill the animals. Instead they incited the bulls to fury with red rags and then stuck small spears into their necks, each fighter being provided with two of these weapons. If he succeeded in sticking them both in the unfortunate beast's neck he was heartily cheered and if he failed was equally as heartily booed.

To Bert's English temperament the sight was revolting but the arena itself was impressive with people crowded teir upon tier, the poorer section of the audience exposed to the heat on the sunny side and their more fortunate countrymen in the shade.

Mother Came Too.

Although the people of Latin countries are noted for their amorous dispositions, Bert was surprised to find that in Portugal strict rules apply to courtship. No man is allowed to escort a young lady unless her mother comes along as chaperone and this applies even when the couple become engaged.

"Often in the evening," he said, "I would see young swains in the street carrying on conversation with their sweethearts standing on the verandahs, which are a common feature of the Portugese houses. Later they could be seen walking out with the girls under watchful maternal eyes. I found it highly amusing, but not so the suitors, who wore very gloomy expressions."

Most of Sgt. Buddle's entertainment was provided by the town's cinema—if that is the correct name for the amphitheatre in which the films were shown. As the cinema was roofless the show could not begin until darkness came about 11 o'clock. But the lateness of the performance did not worry the Portugese, for their habits are very different from ours. A night out for them does not begin until late in the evening and most of them stroll about the town until 4 a.m., when they retire to bed. But they are abroad again quite early and make up for the seeming lack of rest with a siesta that lasts from midday until 5 p.m.

British and German News.

All the feature films that Bert saw were British and American, the dialogue being in English. On a strip at the base of the screen was shown the Portugese translation, but as a great percentage of the inhabitants are illiterate their more educated friends had to read the script loudly to them. This terrible hub-hub was, of course, distracting to the Englishmen, especially as the sound volume was turned very low, none of the natives being interested in the spoken word. British and German news reels were screened on alternate weeks but they were usually very much out of date.

Although clothing was expensive, some of the commodities were ridiculously cheap by our standards. A full bottle of brandy, for instance, could be bought for 5s., table wine was 1s. a gallon and good cigarette lighters were selling at the equivalent of 6d. each.

Sgt. Buddle saw primitive methods being used in agriculture and in Elvas the peasants even threshed the corn with the old-fashioned hand flails. Railways, too, are very much out of date. They do not seem to run to any definite time-table and Bert found that one train took two days to make a journey of 200 kilometres (125 miles). As coal is more or less unobtainable, the engines use wooden logs for fuel and emit constant showers of sparks as they move slowly along.

The Portugese treated the airmen with great hospitality and Sgt. Buddle gained the impression that their sympathies were, in general, pro-British.

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to save.
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and organised
and seen to things
in Savings Centres
and elsewhere.
Thank you Teachers
and Children
for the pennies
and the odd-shaped
threepenny pieces.
Thank you Teapots
on the mantelpiece
who have given up
your little hoards
to War Savings.
Thank you Old Stockings
and secret places.
Thank you
Shopping Baskets
who have spent less.
Thank you all—
For in saving small sums
you are saving
a great treasure—
Freedom.

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These have been great weeks—these Wings for Victory Weeks. They have been a sterling success because everybody has worked with a will. The R.A.F. busy though it is with its arduous task of fighting and bombing the enemy has spared time to co-operate. To all—thanks! But we must remember; the job is not yet finished—SAVE MORE—KEEP 'EM FLYING!

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NO TIME FOR LOVE

HOST OF STARS AT ODEON

Two outstanding films have been booked for presentation at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray are co-starred in "No Time for Love," which heads the bill today and tomorrow. It is a comedy romance between a woman photographer and a "sandhog" (tunnel digger). Other members of the cast include Paul McGrath, of the New York stage, who plays Miss Colbert's pubisher and original suitor; Richard Haydn, in the role of a sophisticated composer-pianist; June Havoc, as a chorus girl; and Ilka Chase, stage comedienne and radio commentator "Night Plane from Chungking," with Robert Preston and Ellen Drew, is also being screened.

"Star Spangled Rhythm," chief feature for the latter part of the week, is a new type of all-star musical, since it deviates from the customary pattern of a revue. The story is of a Paramount gateman who has been writing his sailor son that he is head of the studio, so that when his son shows up with a group of sailors he must carry out his pretence. The stars include Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour, Paulette Goddard, Ray Milland, Fred MacMurray, Veronica Lake, Vera Zorina, Rochester, Franchot Tone, Dick Powell, and a host of others. Also being shown is "The Parrot Remembers."

FEEDING THE DRY COW

There is nothing like grass for making the milk flow. By the same token, grass is the stuff best suited for fitting the dry cow or in-calf heifer to do her full duty in wartime. Adequate feeding before calving fulfils three functions: it provides for growth of the unborn calf, most of which occurs in the last 3 months of pregnancy; it builds up the milk-secreting glands of the udder; and it provides a reserve of protein and fat for milk production.

The maximum development of milk secreting glands and a reserve of protein and fat are the two conditions that enable a cow to produce the maximum quantity of milk which her inherited capacity for milk production allows. If only a maintenance or fattening (that is low protein, high starch) diet is given the udder, especially of heifers, will not develop fully, and milk yield will not rise as it should when the animal calves.

When feeding stuffs are short, as they are in winter, the natural tendency is to economise on the dry cow. The consequences are bad for the cow, bad for the calf and bad for the community. The cow yields less milk at a time when the consuming public needs it most, and the calf is more subject to infantile troubles in the first few weeks after birth. These considerations point to autumn calving as best for all concerned.

Fresh grass is not only a complete food in itself, naturally rich in protein, but it is also mildly laxative—the very thing the doctor orders.

Autumn calving is urged upon farmers not only because it leads to more milk in winter when the public needs it most, but also because it gives milk throughout the year. And it has other advantages. Calving cattle can be steamed up with the minimum of concentrates, and calves can be reared with fewer casualties.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

Sgt. Frank White, of the H.A.C., one of the teachers at Lillian-road School, Ramsgate, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He joined the Army in the summer of 1915 and went to France at the end of that year.

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A 26 year old flight sergeant of the Royal Air Force was killed when the machine he was piloting nose-dived to the ground at Northdown on Tuesday. At an inquest held at Broadstairs the following day the Coroner (Mr. S. Payne) returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

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Pte. Hubert Siminson, R.F., of St. Lawrence, was home on leave at the week end after an absence of 23 months. He is a brother of the well-known photographer and was formerly proprietor of a cycle shop at St. Lawrence.

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Pte. C. A. F. Austen, a Ramsgate journalist, has been posted to the Queen's Regiment and is now stationed on the north-east coast.

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Reported missing in March, Pte. H. Fenwick, Royal Sussex Regiment, formerly of Margate-road, Ramsgate, now writes that he is a prisoner in Germany. A brother of Pte. Fenwick was killed last October.

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Pte. William D. Jones, R.F.A., former master at St. George's and Ellington Schools, Ramsgate, is now officially notified as missing. He was well-known in Thanet as a baritone and was a member of the Margate Operatic Society.

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Spr. E. J. Nichols, R.E., of 26, Hardres-street, Ramsgate, writes from Salonica to say that he has met several local men including Harry Hodgman, Cpl. Setterfield, of the Buffs, Ernest Vince, formerly of Ramsgate Gas offices and "one of the Northwood Brockmans."

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THANET HORSE SHOW

The second horse, cattle and sheep show, and the third annual sheep shearing competition organised by the Isle of Thanet Agricultural Association, were held on Minster marshes on Wednesday. There were 130 horses entered, a number much in excess of last year, and although the entries were not so large in the cattle show the animals were well up to their usual standard. In addition to the sheep shearing competition there was a very interesting fleece winding demonstration. During the afternoon a grand parade of all the horses in the show took place. Thousands of people had gathered in the grounds, many of them having availed themselves of the cheap trains and brakes which were run from all parts. The animals were gaily decked in ribbons of various colours and the prizewinners were distinguished by rosettes.

REFERRED BACK

COUNCIL AND MRS. PEETE'S APPOINTMENT

After a proposition that Standing Orders should be suspended so that the matter could be discussed in public had been defeated, Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday referred to Council in committee a recommendation of the Fire Guard Committee that Mrs. D. Peete, clerk in the Fire Guard Department, should be appointed Area Officer Grade 2, at a salary of £3 19s. a week.

The report of the Fire Guard Committee stated that the Regional Commissioner had requested the amendment of the Fire Guard organisation approved by the committee by the appointment of a woman officer whose clerical duties would be subsidiary to her chief duty of dealing with women's amenities, supervising women's interests generally and inspecting posts at night.

After discussing the matter with the Fire Guard Officer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) the committee decided to recommend the appointment to the post of Mrs. Peete, whose present salary as clerk is £2 10s. a week.

Also on the suggestion of the Regional Commissioner it was decided to recommend that Mr. S. J. Miller should be appointed Assistant Fire Guard Officer at a salary of £325 per annum instead of to the post of Area Officer.

When the matter came before the Council on Thursday Councillor H. Farmer said in view of the statement in Parliament by the Home Seretary that women were to be eased of fire watching duties he wished to move that the appointment of the woman officer should be postponed until they knew definitely how many women fire guards there would be in the town.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said if the members wished to discuss the matter it would have to go to Council in committee.

Alderman C. R. Woodhams said he proposed to move the suspension of Standing Orders so that the question of the appointment could be discussed in public. The public would then be able to judge the matter. As a member of the Fire Guard Committee he did not agree with the appointment.

Alderman A. E. Petley seconded Alderman Woodhams' proposition, which was defeated, and the matter was referred to Council in committee.

RANDOM HARVEST

RONALD COLMAN AT KING'S

A great and appealing romantic drama, "Random Harvest," featuring Ronald Colman and Greer Garson, is being screened at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, throughout the whole of this week.

The James Hilton novel of the same name has been transferred to the screen as a love story full of suspense, of great depth and dramatic power.

It deals with a young officer in the last World War, a victim of amnesia, known only as Smithy. He meets Paula, a show girl, who gives him a new lease on life, and their romance blossoms in a quiet village. By chance of fate, his memory is restored concerning his past life. What happens after that makes one of the most dramatic stories ever filmed.

Spanning the period from 1918 to 1935, the film gives both Colman and Miss Garson exciting characterisations. Featured in the supporting cast are Philip Dorn, Susan Peters, Henry Travers, Reginald Owen, and Bramwell Fletcher.

"I feel that it is the finest romantic story that I have ever directed," says Mervyn LeRoy. "It rings true because it is the type of human story that many men and women are living through these vital days."

The film takes over two hours to seen and patrons are advised to occupy their seats early.

DR. BARBER'S RESIGNATION

Dr. R. O. Barber, dental officer to the Health Department of Ramsgate Town Council, has resigned his appointment on obtaining another position.

The Health Committee have recorded their appreciation of Dr. Barber's work in Ramsgate.

The committee agree with the view of the Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker) that for the time being the appointment should revert to a part-time basis and the matter is to be discussed at a joint meeting of the Health Committee and the Education Committee.

At Thursday's meeting of the Town Council Councillor P. Turner said he hoped that when the sub-committee were considering the vacancy they would give preference to a Ramsgate person. He understood there was a move on foot to appoint someone from outside the borough.

Councillor T. H. Frestedge, chairman of the Health Committee, said when no one else was available the Medical Officer suggested the appointment of a Broadstairs man who had previously done the work. He understood that there were now several applicants from Ramsgate. He would vote for the best candidate, whether from Ramsgate or outside, but he hoped he would be from Ramsgate.

GAMING HOUSE CHARGE

MARGATE CAFE PROPRIETOR IN COURT

An automatic machine stood on a table before the magistrates at Margate police court on Wednesday.

A few minutes earlier Barnet Eli Hann, of the Acacia Cafe, Manston-road, Margate, had been arrested on a warrant for keeping a common gaming house at the cafe between 15th and 30th June.

When the charge was read over to him defendant said he did not understand the position. He went on to explain that some little time back he was brought before the court in reference to a fruit machine, which was destroyed. Afterwards a man approached him and brought the machine which was in court, saying it would be quite all right.

"I am not attempting to put in any kind of defence," he added. "If the police say this is illegal that is the end of it. I was told it was all right."

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan): Because the police say it is illegal that does not mean to say it is. They have to prove that. You may like to collect evidence to prove that it is not an illegal machine.

Defendant: I leave it to your worships. I have no defence. There is the machine and I admit it was there.

The Magistrates' Clerk: You have a right to prove it is not an illegal machine.

Defendant: I would not attempt to try to prove that because I don't know anything about the machine.

Further questioned, defendant said he pleaded not guilty, whereupon C/I Fleet asked for a week's remand to prepare the evidence, which was granted, Hann being allowed bail.

STOLEN CRICKET BATS

At Ramsgate Juvenile Court on Tuesday three boys, aged 11, 12 and 13, admitted having been concerned in stealing two cricket bats and two paper hats, value 10/-, the property of Herbert Harris, from a shop in Harbour-parade on 31st May.

C/I Butcher said W/R Ludeman saw the boys at the rear of the premises and found that the shop had been entered. When interviewed at his school one of the boys said he kept watch while the other two entered the shop.

The Probation Officer (Mr. A. E. Bray) said the boys had arranged to camp out that night but were discovered by a search party and taken home.

The case was adjourned until 27th July.

FOUR NEW COUNCILLORS

ELECTED AT RAMSGATE

Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday co-opted four new members to fill existing vacancies.

They are Messrs. A. T. Grummant (St. Lawrence Ward), G. J. B. Ballard (West Cliff), E. Gray (East Cliff) and D. M. Hughes (Sir Moses Montefiore).

Eight nominations were received for the four vacancies and seven of the eight accepted the invitation to address a meeting of Council in committee on Tuesday.

A ballot taken at the meeting resulted as follows: E. Gray 18, D. M. Hughes 16, A. T. Grummant 16, G. J. B. Ballard 14, W. P. Pook 10, and W. G. H. Forrest, G. T. Hall and J. T. Lewis 3 each.

Council in committee recommended to the Council that the four candidates receiving the greatest number of votes should be co-opted.

Mr. Grummant has had previous Council experience, being a member some years ago. Mr. Ballard is a member of Ramsgate Police War Reserve. Mr. Hughes, a miner, is secretary to the Isle of Thanet Trades Council and has played a prominent part in connection with the national savings movement in Ramsgate. Mr. Gray was for many years employed by Messrs. R. G. Dunn and Son and was a prominent member of the old Isle of Thanet Parliamentary Debating Society.

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MARGATE VERSUS RAMSGATE POLICE

Margate Division, K.C.C., defeated the Ramsgate Division by 23 runs at Chatham House on Saturday.

Ramsgate started badly, losing four wickets before ten runs had been scored, but a spirited 28 by D/S Fortescue carried the final score to 70.

Banister (26) and Belmore (24) were the chief contributors to the Margate total of 93.

Ramsgate Police.

S. Ticehurst, c Banister b Ashdown	2
Bourne b Belmore	0
Honey b Terry	7
Reid lbw b Belmore	0
Honess b Ashdown	5
Whitling c Croucher b Belmore	16
Fortescue b Belmore	28
Page b Belmore	7
Brooks b Belmore	0
Sayer b Terry	2
R. Ticehurst, not out	0
Extras	3
Total	70

Bowling: Belmore, 5 for 13; Ashdown, 3 for 23; Terry 2 for 22.

Margate Police.

Ashdown b Page	4
Stace lbw b Page	8
Terry b Honess	2
Croucher c Reid by Honess	1
Banister b Whitling	26
Norris b Honess	0
Galer b Honess	4
Belmore b Whitling	24
Cook b Whitling	3
Barley lbw b Bourne	5
Richford, not out	0
Extras	16
Total	93

Bowling: Honess, 4 for 18; Whitling, 3 for 11; Page, 2 for 19; Bourne, 1 for 10.

CYCLING CLUB v. POLICE

In a two-rink game at the St. Lawrence Cliffs green on Tuesday Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club defeated Ramsgate Police by 59 shots to 20.

Cycling Club

L. Rengert, R. Day, O. Hughes, B. E. Bushell	30
R. J. Mallam, A. Stoner, A. T. Grummant, J. B. Sharman	29

Ramsgate Police

P/C Ashby, Sgt. Goatman, Sgt. Wait, S/Sgt. Fearn	11
C/I Butcher, P/C Housden, S/C Hubbell, S/I Austin	9

FOR THE HOSPITAL

A total of £110 16s. 10d. was subscribed to Ramsgate General Hospital during May.

Annual subscriptions included: Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society, £5 5s.; Lloyds Bank Ltd., £2 2s.; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hughes, £1.

The personnel of a Royal Artillery gun operations room on the coast donated £1 7s., Mr. and Mrs. R. Bagshaw (Barnsley) £1 and Miss I. S. Quick £1.

Box collections amounted to £2 11s. 4d. and £96 11s. 6d. was received from contributory schemes.

Gifts in kind included children's clothing, cauliflowers, rhubarb, books and goods from the British War Relief Society, Inc., New York City.

THANET JOINT PUBLICITY

Broadstairs Council on Monday decided to ask Ramsgate Town Council to reconsider their decision not to take part in a Thanet joint war-time advertising scheme to keep before the public the peace-time attractions of the Thanet towns.

Margate has signified its willingness to join in the scheme.

Health Visitors.—As only one application, which was subsequently withdrawn, was received for the appointment of health visitor at Ramsgate at an increased salary of £230 per annum, the position is again to be advertised by the Health Department of the Town Council at a salary of £275. In the event of an appointment being made at this salary the salary of the present health visitors is to be increased to £275.

INDIRECT ROUTE

STOLE CARRIER BASKET

A little detective work on the part of a member of the Police War Reserve led to the appearance of Henry George Fox, aged 49, a labourer, of Dumpton Park-road, at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Fox pleaded not guilty to stealing a carrier basket, value 12s., the property of Ida Marion Frances Cheals, on 11th June.

W/R Morgan said that at 7.20 a.m. on 11th June he was on duty in Thanet-road when defendant, riding a carrier cycle, passed him. He lost sight of defendant but a few moments later saw the cycle leaning against a partly demolished house in Queen's-road. Witness concealed himself and defendant came out from the rear of 14 Lyndhurst-road carrying the basket. Defendant said he found the basket in the garden. Witness took defendant to the police station.

P/S Wait said he found some french doors at the house in Lyndhurst-road had been forced. The basket was slightly mildew on the bottom and in similar condition to another basket in the cellar of the premises. Defendant pointed out to witness a spot in the garden where he said he found the basket but there was no discolouration of the grass which he would have expected to find had the basket been standing there for some time.

Frank E. Marshall, of Artillery-road, who holds the keys of the property, said when he last visited the house about October the basket was in the cellar.

C/I H. G. Butcher said defendant was a general labourer employed by Messrs. Claxton and earned between £3 10s. and £4 a week.

"He gets to work at eight o'clock in the morning," said the inspector, "and at the time was on his way to work. Not a very direct route, I am afraid."

Defendant was fined £1.

BROADSTAIRS

Rose Day.—A sum of £42 4s. was realised as a result of the Alexandra Rose Day collection in Broadstairs and St. Peter's.

Mr. G. Wright, ironmonger, of Nelson-place, Broadstairs, begs to notify the public that until further notice his business premises will not be open on Thursdays.

Local Appeal Board.—Councillor B. Humphrey has been nominated by Broadstairs Council as a member of the employers' panel of Ramsgate Local Appeal Board.

Bus Service to Hospital.—On the suggestion of Broadstairs Council, the East Kent Road Car Co. are to apply to the Regional Commissioner for permission to divert services Nos. 49 and 49a on Sunday afternoons to provide transport facilities to Margate Hospital.

Pierremont Restaurant.—The accounts of Pierremont Restaurant, Broadstairs, for the four weeks ended 5th June show a surplus carried to net revenue account of £24 6s. 9d. A raid spotter is to be on duty at the restaurant during the times that meals are being served.

Temporary Building Inspector.—Mr. F. Chandler, of 131 High-street, Ramsgate, has been appointed building inspector to Broadstairs Council at a salary of £5 a week. The appointment, in the first instance, is for a probationary period of four weeks and, in any event, for a period not exceeding two years.

Not Biting.—Broadstairs Council have declined the offer of Miss M. Millward, of Seafield-road, to present them with a pike, mounted in glass case, for exhibition at Pierremont Hall. Thanking Miss Millward for her offer, the Council have suggested she might consider presenting it to one of the boys' or girls' schools in the district.

Special Constable.—Broadstairs Council are to invite applications from men not liable for military or national service for appointment to the post of special constable to patrol the Council's pleasure grounds, at a wage in accordance with the J.I.C. scale, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. W. Ford Wells.

Old Comrades' Whist.—At the weekly whist drive held by the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association at the Clarendon Hotel, the prizes were won by Mrs. Goldsack, Mr. Carley, Mrs. Mannering, Mr. Mannering, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Martin and Miss Jenkins. They were distributed by Mrs. Pointer.

Wedding.—An old girl of Clarendon House School, Ramsgate, Miss Marguerite Patricia (Paddy) Miles, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. J. Miles, of Caswallon, Northdown-hill, St. Peter's, was married at St. Peter's Church to Capt. Frank Pickup Hallsworth, A.D. Corps, of Duckingfield, Cheshire. The bride has just completed her general nursing training at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, and a fellow nurse, Miss Mary Belsey, was the only bridesmaid.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Births and Deaths.—During May 19 births and 15 deaths were registered in Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Anchor Day.—Ramsgate people have a chance of showing their gratitude to our merchant seamen on Saturday—Anchor Day—when the sale of flags will help to bring comfort to those gallant sailors. Those who wish to assist in the collection are asked to apply to Lt.-Cdr. W. Thorogood, R.N. (retd.), at Clarendon House between 3 and 5 p.m. on Friday.

For Charities.—For the financial year ended 31st March the sum of £109 2s. 2d. is available from the Sunday opening of cinemas for distribution to charities. Ramsgate Council have decided to allocate 60 per cent. to Ramsgate General Hospital, 20 per cent. to the Ramsgate War Relief Fund and 10 per cent. each to Ramsgate Local Blind Committee and Thanet Rescue Society.

New Committee Chairman.—In succession to Mr. T. W. Mockridge, Councillor O. Hughes has been appointed chairman of the Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee of Ramsgate Town Council and Councillor R. Smith has been appointed vice-chairman. The committee have expressed appreciation of the work of Mr. Mockridge, who had been chairman for the past five years and a member of the Council for 16 years.

Odeon Talent.—Cpl. Stanley Sackett, well-known locally as an organist and now serving in the R.A.O.C., made a welcome return to the stage of the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, on Friday, and delighted his audience with his rendering of the modern painoforte classic "Warsaw Concerto." The more rhythmic numbers of Mr. A. T. Burley were well applauded and the winners of the weekly talent contest were L/Bdr. G. Goode, Tpr. Goldthorpe, Gnr. T. E. Maddocks, Gnr. R. Roy and Ldg.-Acm. H. Whyman.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN

Praise for Scouts "Great things have happened and we are undoubtedly very much nearer victory and peace. I suppose all that can be said about the triumphant climax of the African campaign has been said and I will not attempt to 'gild the lily' but I would like to congratulate those of our old boys who helped to win that great victory and to say how tremendously we envy those who were fortunate enough to take part in the amazing scenes of the Great Surrender. . . . We must not forget that the willing prisoners—umpteen thousands of them—were largely seasoned veterans, some of Germany's best, and, if they crumpled like that, are their 'kamerads' in Europe likely to act differently? I think not."

So writes Cdr. R. S. Hewlett in the current number of the East Cliff Scouts' New Letter, which again contains a wealth of news about local members of the movement serving in the four corners of the earth.

Under Canvas Firstly we read of the activities of Pte. W. Bubb, who found that towards the end of the campaign sleeping in tents was the usual thing. "Some time ago," he says, "I did sleep in a bedroom at a farm and it was like being in 'civvy street' again—a nice spring bed and walls all round. Although we are now back under canvas we sometimes walk up to the farm for a sing-song. All the lads join in and the farm people, although of another tongue, seem thoroughly to enjoy it. To me it brings back the old times when I used to sit on the floor with my legs crossed, surrounded by a crowd of happy-go-lucky youngsters, now scattered far and wide. We can see the Jerry planes and hear the rattle of machine-guns way up in the blue. Strange, isn't it, how a chap can sit down and write a long, chatty letter amid surroundings like that, but familiarity breeds contempt."

Living in Caves "I could write a book of of our adventures here," writes Pte. E. Mantle, from Malta, "but it would never pass the censor. Last year we were bombed out of our quarters and lived in caves for many months. If you could have seen us you would have laughed, but really it was no laughing matter for us. In fact it was pretty tough—no light at night, miles to go to get one's grub, no door to shut. But we are lucky to be alive and got so used to living like cavemen that we were really sorry to leave. One great thing was that we were right out of the way of orderly sergeants, etc., and we could have our sun-bath in peace."

Prefers Peace Two long letters Cdr. Hewlett has received from Sgt.-Major A. Danton, serving in India, indicate that he is fit again after severe attacks of dysentry. It is some years since he saw his mother country and instead he has seen nothing but deserts, seas and snow-capped mountains. "In my youth and ignorance," he writes, "I imagined war to be somewhat thrilling and to be desired from the point of view of promotion. Well, there is no doubt about the thrills and I have got the promotion, but I have decided I should prefer a lower rank and peace."

War on Rats Ldg. Acm. M. S. Hewlett, R.A.F., who at the time of writing from the Middle East had just changed into his battle-dress, said "Everyone seems to wear khaki nowadays, even the Navy, and it is very hard to tell each force except by the hats. . . Our latest hobby is ratting. Armed with clubs and catapults we make a nightly attack on the pests. Fortunately there are none actually inside the boat so far but they hold race meetings up and down the deck at night—and can't they run! Well, they are Italian rats."

Tropical Storms Staff-Sgt. R. E. Snowsell, in West Africa, wrote his latest letter to Cdr. Hewlett during a storm. "I love a good storm," he said, "and this particular spot is renowned as one of the worst places in the world for thunder and lightning. They even had a commission here from the U.S.A. some time ago in order to study it and they recorded some amazing results of lightning flashes and thunder claps. Gee! that one made me jump—it was just like a land-mine exploding over my head. Now the lightning has just struck something near and the lights are flickering on and off as if they are not sure whether to go out or not. Well, it helps to pass the time anyway."

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces, so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Sailor's Travels An Old St. Georgian, A/B Victor Playford, R.N., is now spending three weeks' leave at his home, 31 Sydney-road, Ramsgate, after being abroad for about two years. During that time, Victor, who joined the service just after the outbreak of war, has visited South Africa, Ceylon, the Far East waters and Madagascar, taking part in an action against the Japs and also in the landing on the latter island. While in the Persian Gulf Victor met A/B Reginald Surman, of Stanley-road, Ramsgate, who was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal early in 1942.

Victor's brother William, an Old Ruymian, is now chairman of the education committee at his prison camp in Germany and he is working for a postal department in a nearby town. Stanley, their 18-year-old brother, at present working at Stafford, is expecting to join the Royal Navy in the near future, and Alice, their sister, is engaged in munitions work in the Midlands. All are children of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Playford.

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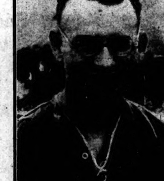
Student of Aircraft While on nine days' leave last week, Haydn Grant visited his native town of Margate, where he formerly lived in Hatfeild-road. Having made a close study of aviation since 1917, he is now teaching aircraft recognition in the R.A.F. Prior to the war he was employed by the Isle of Thanet Electric Supply Co. Ltd., and was a bus conductor for about ten years.



Thankful Prisoners With the North African campaign successfully finished, Pte. Harry Moses, R.A.M.C., of Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, has found time to write to some of his local friends. In one letter he says that the end came much more quietly than had been anticipated.

"I wonder how you at home took the news when you first heard it," he writes. "For our part we were all very excited towards the finish, especially when we watched a convoy of several hundred prisoners go by our camp. There were, of course, men from all the services, some arrogant, others more subdued and, as usual with servicemen, quite a lot of singing. On the whole the impression we gained was that they were thankful it was finished."

At present Harry is camped six miles outside a town where the devastation is terrible. "Every other day," he goes on, "we have been fortunate enough to be granted a liberty wagon, of which we take full advantage for sightseeing. Another little town quite near hasn't suffered very much through bombing and we have been in twice just to see what few shops there are. The stores are all of the 'walk-around' variety and we enter each very cautiously at first until we have satisfied ourselves that it is a shop. Some of them, believe me, are very far removed from our conception of business premises."

Two-Hour Procession Writing to his mother, Harry says he found the Victory March very inspiring. "Watching it," he continues, "I couldn't help feeling proud that we had helped in some small way to bring the North African campaign to its successful conclusion. We saw Generals Giraud and Eisenhower, and the cheering from the tremendous crowd was deafening. Britain, America and France were all well represented and the greatest sight was the tanks driving through three abreast and the bombers and Spitfires coming over in waves. Altogether the parade took just over two hours to pass.

"Since then we have bathed in the Mediterranean and one would think the spot where we swim was a nudist camp. There are hundreds of us in our birthday suits, either swimming or basking in the sun, and needless to say no ladies are allowed."

Pte. Moses, who encloses with his letter a copy of the "Tunis Telegraph"—the first British paper in Tunisia—formerly worked as contact man with his father at the Homestead Furnishing Stores. He says he is disgustingly fit, that his face is redder than ever, and that he wishes to be remembered to all friends and customers.

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8 Years Abroad Sgt. Albert C. Bennell, of 49 Marlborough-road, Margate, has just returned from the Middle East after nearly eight years' service abroad with The Buffs. He was stationed at Lucknow, India, until the regiment was moved to Palestine at the time of the Arab disturbances. Afterwards he served throughout the Middle East campaign, his unit being part of what became known as "Monty's left hook" at the Mareth Line. Sgt. Bennell's father is an old Buff and served prior to and throughout the last war and as a corporal on home defence for the first 17 months of this war. Two other sons are with the forces—one with the R.A. in North Africa and the other with the R.E. in Scotland—and the youngest daughter is serving in he W.A.A.F.

WRONG PERSON SUMMONED

LIGHT AT SAVINGS CENTRE

Accepting the explanation that the wrong person had been summoned, the magistrates at Ramsgate police court on Monday consented to a withdrawal of a summons against Samuel England, of Downs-road, alleging the wastage of fuel at Ramsgate Savings Centre in King-street on 24th June.

Mr. J. H. Robinson, who pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendant, said the premises were occupied by Ramsgate Savings Committee, of which the Mayor was chairman and the Town Clerk the secretary. A meeting was held in the committee-room upstairs on 23rd June and it was more than likely that one of the lights was then left on. Defendant was employed at the centre for two or three hours in the morning and afternoon and seldom needed to go upstairs. Although the defendant apparently told a police officer that he assumed he was responsible, the committee did not consider him to be responsible. At the time the main switch was out of order but had since been put right. The committee accepted moral responsibility but did not know who was actually responsible.

C/I H. G. Butcher said the constable who submitted the report said defendant told him he accepted responsibility and on the strength of that a summons was issued. He was quite prepared to accept the explanation and withdraw the case.

The magistrates agreed to the withdrawal of the case on payment of 4s. costs.

On a similar summons William Thomas Cooper, of South Eastern-road, was fined 10s. in respect of a light left burning at the offices of the Hospital Savings Association, and Mrs. Louisa Helen Weeks, of Queen-street, was also fined 10s. for a light left burning in the basement of the premises.

A fine of £1 was imposed on Elsie Geering, of Dumpton Park-road, who pleaded guilty to permitting a light to show at her home after black-out on the night of 26th June. Defendant said she forgot to switch off the light before going on fire guard duty.

WELL OVER THE TARGET

BROADSTAIRS WINGS WEEK SUCCESS

THANET'S £371,154

Although the combined Thanet Wings for Victory target of £300,000 had already been exceeded by Ramsgate and Margate between them, a fine effort by Broadstairs and St. Peter's last week brought the grand total to £371,154.

When the urban district's Wings for Victory Week closed on Saturday the total sum invested was

£64,275

Broadstairs and St. Peter's had thus exceeded its own target of £50,000 by £14,275.

The Thanet combined target was fixed at £300,000 with the object of purchasing 12 Typhoon fighters and 12 Mosquito bombers, and the margin of £71,154 by which it was topped is sufficient to pay for another 14 Typhoons.

In connection with Broadstairs' week a programme of varied social events was held in the town, all of which stimulated lively interest in the general effort.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS

The final open-air event of the week, a children's sports meeting, attracted large crowds of people to St. Peter's recreation ground on Saturday, and they witnessed a long, exciting and well-organised programme.

Although the sports, arranged by the Brighter Broadstairs League, was not an inter-school event, keen rivalry existed between the children of St. Peter's and Broadstairs Schools, each of which had a good contingent of supporters.

Outstanding among the competitors was eight-year-old David Streatfield, who easily outran the others in the 100 yards. With a good running style, David has the makings of a successful athlete.

A colourful feature of the programme was the decorated bicycle show. Appropriate to the times, the majority of the 12 machines entered were ornamented in red, white and blue, and pink rambler roses added attraction to some of them. Little Jacqueline Bushell, whose fairy cycle was ingeniously converted into a model aeroplane, well deserved the first prize, and the judges had a difficult task before they finally decided upon John Lawrence and Brian Piper for the second and third places.

Much of the credit for the efficient running of the sports was due to Mr. T. O. Studd who, as chairman of the committee, was assisted by members of the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Schools staffs.

Judges for the sporting events were Councillor H. Noble (Chairman of Broadstairs Council), Dr. R. Riley, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith (priest-in-charge of St. Peter's), Mr. B. J. Brown, the Rev. C. H. Bailey (Rector of Broadstairs), Mr. F. B. Salt and Mr. W. G. Humphriss, and for the decorated bicycles Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Studd and Mrs. Imeson. Miss L. Butcher was the recorder.

The prizes, consisting of savings stamps, were afterwards distributed by Mrs. Noble, who was presented with a bouquet by Barbara Scutt.

The Winners.

The results were:

50 yards, infants—1, D. Booth; 2, S. Dearle; 3, B. Presseley.

75 yards, age 6—1, J. Baines; 2, M. Emptage; 3, K. Mesure. Age 7—1, M. Hughes; 2, B. Ballard; 3, S. Mercer.

100 yards, 8 and 9, boys—1, D. Streatfield; 2, T. Morgan; 3, T. Hilton. Girls—1, A. Allen; 2, A. Raymond; 3, L. Berry. 10 and 11, boys—1, W. Jackson; 2, T. Marsh; 3, P. Doyle. Girls—1, S. Baxter; 2, R. White; 3, J. Nicholls. 12 and 14, boys—1, D. Page; 2, M. Brenchley; 3, P. Markwick. Girls—1, B. Fowler; 2, B. Wells; 3, C. Allen.

Egg and spoon, junior, boys—1, R. Brockman; 2, J. Cayzer; 3, J. Dick. Girls—1, Y. Mercer; 2, J. Smith; 3, D. Allen. Senior, boys—1, J. Whiteing; 2, R. Barber; 3, G. Whiteing. Girls—1, C. Allen; 2, Q. England; 3, L. Brasil.

Skipping race, boys and girls, age 5—1, P. Hiller; 2, S. Dearle; 3, B. Pressley. Age 6 and 7—1, A. Shuter; 2, J. Baines; 3, S. Mercer. Girls, junior—1, J. Mann; 2, A. Allen; 3, A. Ruffles. Senior—1, A. Ballard; 2, B. Fowler; 3, J. Austen.

Sack race, senior boys—1, G. Gosbee; 2, J. Whiteing; 3, H. Bing.

Three-legged, junior—1, T. Marsh and R. Brockman; 2, J. Lawrence and R. Barber; 3, J. Pressley and R. Gifford.

Slow bicycle race, junior, boys—1, T. Marsh; 2, D. Austen; 3, G. England. Girls—1, S. Baxter; 2, A. Ruffles; 3, S. Gill. Senior, boys—1, P. Barber; 2, P. Doyle; 3, D. Page. Girls—1, A. Marchant; 2, D. Bax; 3, P. Gardner.

Catching the train, girls—1, D. Bushell; 2, C. Allen; 3, P. Whibley. Boys—1, E. Brett; 2, D. Page; 3, R. Austen.

BABIES ON PARADE

There were no fewer than 120 entrants for the baby show held at Broadstairs Clinic on Tuesday and the judges commented on their high standard of health.

The adjudicators took 15 points into consideration, such as weight, condition of skin, nails, etc., and there were 10 marks in each case, making a possible 150. Prizewinners were:

Under eight months—1, Alan Inge and Carol Howard (147 marks each); 3, Roger McGavin (146).

Eight months to two years—1, Keith Cox (146); 2, Colin Brine and Ronald Goodman (145).

Two to five years—1, Ann Brasier (147); 2, Jean Fryer and Michael Everett (142).

Special prizes were also awarded to Diane Bantock, aged four months, who weighed only 2lbs. 2ozs. at birth and is now 10lbs. 3ozs., and Thelma, Sheila and Valerie Hatchett, three sisters who reached a satisfactory standard. Valerie Brasier, who was celebrating the second anniversary of her birthday, received a present from the show.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Noble, wife of Councillor H. Noble (Chairman of Broadstairs Council), when the Brighter Broadstairs League held a children's open-air fete in Pierremont pleasure grounds on Wednesday.

The chief feature of the event, a pet show, created plenty of interest and amusement. Rabbits, dogs, cats, parrots, pigeons, guinea pigs—and even a pig—were entered by their proud owners.

Onlookers did the judging by placing their votes on tickets, sold at a penny each, and their selections were:

Rabbits—Marie Jarman (Angora).

Cats—Mrs. E. Hatchett (basket of young kittens).

Dogs—Mrs. F. C. Lewis (white Pekinese).

Miscellaneous—1, Dudley Beery (pig); 2, Gordon Crosby (parakeet); 3, Joan Davies (guinea pig).

A demonstration of country dances was given by the pupils of St. Mildred's School, who afterwards played netball, the orange team beating the red by five goals to three. Girls of St. Peter's School contributed a physical training display.

Councillor B. Humphrey, who introduced Mrs. Noble, referred to the previous day's baby show and stated that many children lost marks through not being immunised against diphtheria. He thanked Miss Dean, of Deal, and Miss Addy, of Barham, for carrying out the judging.

RAMSGATE

MERCHANT NAVY WEEK

JULY 31st——AUGUST 8th

Chairman: The Mayor of Ramsgate Secretary: Mrs. Peete
Committee: The Mayoress, Mrs. Galloway, Messrs. Jennings, Lewis, Pook, W/O Roberts, R.N., Shanahan, Hartley and Hearnden

WEDNESDAY, July 28th
West Cliff Theatre—CONCERT
by a Naval Base, and the Election of the Merchant Navy Queen. Entries accepted now by the Secretary at Clarendon House. No previous Carnival Queens eligible

SATURDAY, July 31st
MERCHANT NAVY FLAG DAY
organised by the Mayoress

SUNDAY, August 1st
GRAND ALL-STAR CONCERT at the West Cliff Theatre
at 2.30 p.m. Artistes include Dame Irene Vanburgh, Dennis Noble, Flora Nielson, Scott Gordon and Mrs. Scott Gordon, Wyndham Howard, Thomas Marshall and others

MONDAY, August 2nd
GRAND FETE at Chatham House
to be opened by Capt. Howard.
Sports Meeting, Races for Military, A.T.C. and School Children. Band of the Royal Marines, Chatham. Fruit and Vegetable Show by the Horticultural Society. Baby Show. Entrance Forms at Clarendon House, fee 3d. All the Fun of the Fair. Troopers Concert Party during the evening.

TUESDAY, August 3rd
COMPETITIONS NIGHT at all Clubs in the town

WEDNESDAY, August 4th
INTER-SERVICES BOXING TOURNAMENT
at the West Cliff Theatre
Details to follow

THURSDAY, August 5th
OPEN-AIR WHIST DRIVE
in the Old Vicarage Garden, Chapel Place, 3 p.m.
If wet in the Gymnasium, Clarendon House.
MERCHANT NAVY BALL at the West Cliff Theatre
7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, August 6th
CRICKET MATCH at Chatham House
A Naval Base versus Police

SATURDAY, August 7th
ALL-IN AUCTION SALE at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House
6.30 p.m.
All articles welcome for the Sale, especially from anybody who has someone in the Merchant Navy

ST. ANDREW'S WHIST

Mrs. Noble presented the prizes at a whist drive held in aid of the week at St. Andrew's Hall, Reading Street, on Tuesday. The drive was organised by the Brighter Broadstairs League, Mr. B. J. Brown was M.C. and the winners were Mr. H. K. Pallant, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Fassam, Mr. Hustler, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Green, Mrs. Ovenden, Mrs. Booker, Miss Vyse, Mr. Lomax, Mrs. Smith, Miss Mallett and Mrs. Atkins.

CRICKET

In a Wings for Victory cricket match at Hildersham House Broadstairs went down to a Royal Air Force XI by 106 runs (175-69). The Broadstairs defeat was mainly due to the excellent batting of Acton, who stayed right through the airmen's innings to knock up 78.

ST. PETER'S MASCOT

A beautifully made "airman," first prize in a competition organised by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Brown, of Church-street, St. Peter's, was won by Mr. L. Rengert, of Ramsgate.

A FULL PROGRAMME

MERCHANT NAVY WEEK AT RAMSGATE

Entries for the beauty queen contest which is to be a feature of Merchant Navy Week at Ramsgate can now be accepted at Clarendon House by the secretary (Mrs. Peete).

The Merchant Navy Queen will be elected at a concert arranged by a naval base to be held at the West Cliff Theatre on Wednesday, 28th July.

The week itself begins with a flag day on Saturday, 31st July, and the social events start on the following afternoon with a grand all star concert at the West Cliff Theatre, where the artistes will include Dame Irene Vanburgh and Dennis Noble.

Races for the military, A.T.C. and schoolchildren will be run in the fete and sports at Chatham House on August Bank Holiday and the week's programme also includes an inter-services boxing tournament, a cricket match, whist drive and auction sale.

Full particulars will be found in the advertisement.

WINNING CAKES

Sixty-five entries were received for the cake baking competition and the results were:

Fruit cake—1, Mrs. Noble, 1 Northdown-road, St. Peter's; 2, Mrs. Cole, 8 Trinity-square, Reading Street; 3, Mrs. W. Forde, 87 High-street, Broadstairs.

Plain cake—1, Miss Olive White, Lancaster House, Broadstairs; 2, Miss Madge Armstrong, 18 Luton-avenue, Broadstairs; 3, Mrs. Lawrence, 31 Gladstone-road, Broadstairs.

Consolation prizes—Miss A. F. Boyd, Miss Vyse, Miss Sherwood, Mrs. Clegg, Mrs. Cuthbert, Mrs. Lewin, Mrs. Street and Miss Gatward.

The judges were Mr. W. E. Lawrence and Mr. F. Walker.

When the cakes were auctioned at the exhibition a sum of £11 17s. 6d. was realised and the sale of other articles, such as a gold piece and a doll's house brought in a further £10 16s. 6d.

RED CROSS WHIST

Fourteen tables were in play at a whist drive held in aid of Red Cross Funds at the old Vicarage garden, Chapel-place, Ramsgate, on Thursday.

Mr. Pook was M.C. and the prizes were presented by the Mayoress (Mrs. Kempe) to Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Redman, Mrs. Attwell, Mrs. Oakley, Mrs. Ongley, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Moses and Mr. Marsh.

Miss Edgar, who organised the event, thanked the Mayoress for her presence, and also the ladies who served the teas.

Donors of prizes included Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn, Mrs. Weymouth, Mrs. White, Miss Edgar and Mrs. Pook.

Another whist drive will be held in the garden on 22nd July in aid of the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund.

BROADSTAIRS' HISTORIC BUILDINGS

A list of buildings of historic or architectural importance in Broadstairs, prepared by architects appointed by the Ministry of Works and Buildings, included St. Peter's Church, the remains of St. Mary's Chapel, the Flemish House, Church-street, St. Peter's, three Flemish houses, Reading Street, York Gate, Bleak House, 31 High-street, Dicken's House, 40 Albion-street, Lawn House (now known as Archway House), Holland House, Nuckell's Almshouses, and North Foreland Lighthouse and houses.

Broadstairs Council have suggested to the County Council that the list be amended by the deletion of 31 High-street and 40 Albion-street and the addition of Pierremont Hall, because of its association with Queen Victoria.

DR. BARNARDO'S FLAG DAY

The sum of £43 15s. 4d. was raised as a result of the flag day held at Ramsgate on Saturday on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

The collectors and the amounts collected were:

Mrs. Hall, £6 3s. 5½d.; Miss LeGallais, £3 18s. 7d.; Mrs. Spencer Payne, £3 10s. 2½d.; Mrs. Snapes, £2 1s. 4½d.; Mrs. Smith, 8s. 4d.; Miss Robinson, £2 19s. 0½d.; Mrs. Bath, £2 7s. 10½d.; Mrs. Todd, £1 12s. 5½d.; Miss G. Fenn, £1 15s. 1d.; Mrs. Evison, £1 17s. 9½d.; Mrs. Cullen, 10s. 1d.; Mrs. Palmer, £1 6s. 11½d.; Miss Moody, 16s. 10½d.; Mrs. Watt, £1 14s. 3½d.; Mrs. Baker, £1 13s. 6d.; Miss A. Harman, £1 5s. 8½d.; Miss K. Smith, 8s. 8d.; Miss Tappenden, £1 7s. 10d.; Mrs. Dadds, £1 2s. 2½d.; Miss Privett, £2 7s. 7d.; Miss Heather Wells, 3s. 7½d.; Miss B. Taylor, £1 17s. 9d.; Miss Wilson, 9s. 2½d.; Mrs. Larkin, 14s. 11d.; Miss Howell, £1 0s. 8½d.; Mrs. Jarman, 6s. 4½d.

4th (THANET) CADET BN. THE BUFFS

Commanding Officer—Capt. H. D. Rose, T.A.R.O.

Battalion headquarters—27 Harbour-street, Ramsgate.

Orders for the week commencing 4th July.

To-day.—Broadstairs Platoon at 18.30 hrs. A and C Coys. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Wednesday.—A and B Coys. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Thursday.—Broadstairs Platoon at 18.30 hrs. C Coy. at 19.00 hrs. Training according to programme.

Friday.—All officers at Batt. H.Q. at 19.15 hrs.

T. Wells, Lt., T.A.R.O.
Adjutant for C.O.

Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

BIRTHS

Povey.—29th June, at 28 Avenue-road, Ramsgate, to Doris (née Wanstall), wife of Cpl. Povey, R.A.F., the gift of a son (Keith Alan).

White.—28th June, at 38 Salisbury-avenue, Broadstairs, to Marjorie, wife of Cpl. Thomas White, R.A.F. (now on active service), a son.

MARRIAGES

Hallsworth—Miles.—26th June, at St. Peter's Church, Thanet, Capt. Frank P. Hallsworth, of Dukinfield, Cheshire, A.D. Corps, to Marguerite P. Miles, of Broadstairs.

Malpas—Dring.—27th June, at All Saints' Church, Margate, Harold R. Malpas, of Canterbury, to Betty Dring, of Margate.

DEATHS

Baker.—26th June, Frederick Richard Baker, of 73 Park-avenue, Birchington, aged 63 years.

Bridge.—26th June, at Kismet Bungalow, Margate, Sarah Jane Bridge, aged 83 years.

Sayer.—26th June, at 2 Eden-cottages, Minster, Daisy Florence Sayer, aged 60 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Gilham.—In loving memory of our mother, Annie Isobel Gilham (late 103 Hereson-road, Ramsgate), who died 2nd July, 1940.—Still sadly missed by her sons and daughters.

"Until the day breaks and the shadows flee."

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